

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [02] with the following amended paragraph:

[02] This application is related to ~~and claims the benefit of~~ the co-pending applications No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,282 entitled "MANAGEMENT OF VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL NETWORK INVENTORIES" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077210US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,285 entitled "PROVISIONING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTO-DISCOVERING CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT IN ACTIVATING xDSL" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077310US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,294 entitled "PERFORMANCE MODELING IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077410US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,276 entitled "FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077510US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,277 entitled "FAULT MANAGEMENT IN A VDSL NETWORK" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077520US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,283 entitled "PROACTIVE REPAIR PROCESS IN THE xDSL NETWORK (WITH A VDSL FOCUS)" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077610US); No. 09/\_\_\_\_\_, 09/921,275 entitled "PROACTIVE SERVICE REQUEST MANAGEMENT AND MEASUREMENT" (Atty. Docket No. 020366-077710US), all filed August 1, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.